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## President's Message

I have just returned from Edmonton where I picked up 90 sets of 4 woods issued by the West Edmonton Coin shop and I will be forwarding these to Ross for future free distribution. I will also be sending our editor a small article and scans for future publishing.

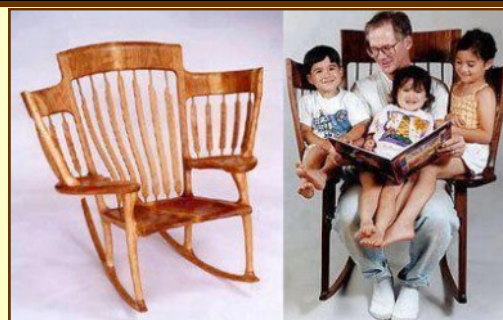
As mentioned in previous bulletins this is the last bulletin that will be sent to members who have not paid their 2013 annual dues by March 31, 2013. Membership renewals for 2013 have been coming in at a steady pace, however, there are still a few who have not yet renewed. Those members who are receiving the bulletin electronically, and have not paid for 2013 have received an email from me reminding them that this will be the last bulletin received. Those members who still receive their bulletins by ordinary mail will have a rubber stamp mark on their address labels. If you have not paid your dues please remit immediately to Al Munro, Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1. If you have queries re your membership status you can contact me by mail, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at wood5cents@shaw.ca. Those who have paid will be receiving their receipts and membership cards in the following manner: Those that I see personally on a regular basis will receive them from me. I will also be taking any receipts for Alberta members to the Calgary and Edmonton Coin shows in early March. Those who see Ross Kingdon on a regular basis will receive their cards and receipts from Ross in the near future. Those who do not see Ross or me on a regular basis and still receive a hard copy will have their receipts and cards mailed with a future bulletin. Those who do not see Ross or myself on a regular basis and receive their bulletin electronically will have their receipts and cards mailed to them shortly.

As hinted above the spring coin show circuit starts shortly. Edmonton's coin show is the first week of March and Calgary's show is the third week of March. If you are going to be in the area please attend and bring any duplicates you have. I will introduce you to other woodies in attendance. I will also bring some of my duplicates. It is not too soon to start making reservation for the annual R.C.N.A. convention this July in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I encourage you to attend this outstanding show and to plan to attend our annual C.A.W.M.C. breakfast which will be held Saturday again this year. The convention and annual breakfast meeting will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and do some friendly trading. We will be delivering the 2012 Treasurer's Report and will be having a donation auction. In order to encourage anyone in the area to attend the meeting we will be maintaining a \$20 fee for the breakfast. If you plan on issuing a "wood" for this convention please order them shortly to give the manufacturers sufficient time to produce your order for you. Our annual meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points shown above.

Good luck in your collecting activities

Al Munro

## Specially Designed Wood "Grandpa's Rocking Chair"





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## Another Hot Woods Deal!

from CAWMC member **David 'Rusty' Phillips**

I want to offer the Ontario woods again. These are the two opportunities, on a first come first serve basis:

- 9 packages of 45 rounds and 10 flats = 55 per pack @ 65¢ each, i.e. \$35.75 plus postage.
- and / or
- 1 package of 45 rounds and 6 flats = 51 in the pack @ 65¢ each, i.e. \$33.15 plus postage.

I'd like to add the fact that each and every package is different, i.e. no duplication in any of the packages nor is there any duplication from one package to another package. Each and every wood in all the packages is different from one another! Contact me by e-mail at [rustynbetty@telus.net](mailto:rustynbetty@telus.net) to take advantage of this deal!

## Alaskan Taco Company Wood!

from CAWMC member **David 'Rusty' Phillips**

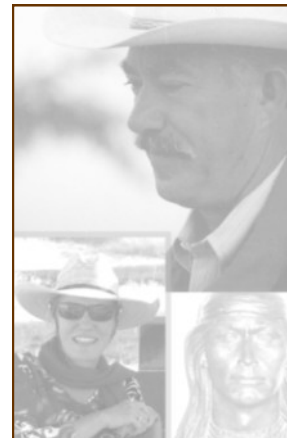
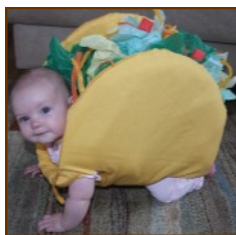


In late May of 2012, my wife (**Betty**) and I were on an Alaskan Cruise, and the ship docked for a day at Skagway (Alaska). During our walking about through the main shopping area, I got wind of a possible wooden token at the Alaskan Taco Company! So, away we went looking for this company. We found it, a small taco store tucked away in a little plaza, an off-shoot from the main street.

I was able to strike up a conversation with the co-owners, **Bill** and **Mae-Ella Flanders** (*Editor's note: Mae-Ella is also an Independent Arbonne Consultant for Texas and Arizona since 2009 and a Notary Public for Casa Ladrillo, and Bill and Mae-Ella acquired the Conchise Stronghold Ranch in Pearce Arizona from the Costello Estate in 2005*), both cheerful and very congenial folks. They told me they had come to Skagway from Texas with the idea of opening and operating a taco shop during the busy summer tourist season of 2012, to see if the business would be successful and viable enough to warrant coming back in future years.



They, knowing the transient nature of tourism, had had 300 wooden tokens produced to give out only to Skagway locals who patronized their business, to encourage these locals to 'come back for more', and thus even out the traffic demands on the business. The token is the standard 1-1/2 inch / 38 mm wood. The ink colour is black on both sides. It will be interesting to hear if this company will be back to Skagway in 2013???







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**Garry Braunwarth**

(\*Deceased)

## My Wooden Nickel's Worth!

Free Wood of the Month of March 2013 reported by Ross Kingdon

Lou Vesh shared in sending his wood information to Ross:

Oops! You are never too old to learn. Those are the two exclamations I said when I began the last phase of producing the wood shown at right. But let's first do a little background on the making of this wood. I discovered this box of wood blanks I made many years ago and had stashed away for some future issue. Their identity is a forgotten mystery. Because of their light weight, I suspect they're of some softwood tree I had cut down way back when. For sure I sawed, turned, and sliced them and gave them a single coat of white paint before laying them up for the future.

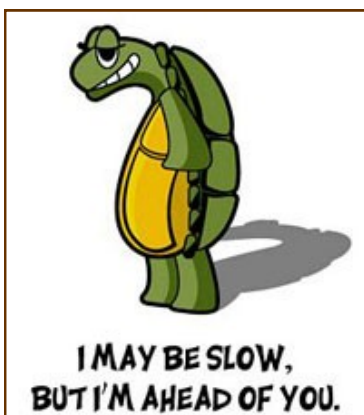


Fast forward to the present. Let's do another turtle wood, says I. Okay. So I hot stamped the entire lot of 260 woods and began hand painting the colors on the turtle. Little did I realize the magnitude of that task! Each turtle required 28 separate color applications which came to a total of 7,280 individual areas to be colored! Well, I got through it okay, and, given my age, lack of artistic talent, and failing eyesight, I was pretty happy with the end result. Well, almost the end. All the colors on the turtle are done with acrylic paints, except the flower petals. They are colored with a red 'gel pen'. These pens are new to me and made the task of coloring 4,680 petals much easier than by brush. However, I had planned to finish off with a coat of acrylic varnish to protect the overall surface.

I did one, and (oops!) ruined it completely! The acrylic varnish apparently melted the red 'gel' of the petals and smeared it all across the face of the wood. That's the lesson I learned. So if you ever try using those gel pens for coloring, (and they are wonderfully easy to use), don't brush over with acrylic varnish. Enough were made to donate a batch for Timber Talk's 'CAWMC feature wood of the month' for sometime down the road. I would suggest placing this wood in a 2x2 or other protective container.



[Editor Note: Opus Marketing says if you cure the gel pen application on your art for 48 hours minimum, you should be able to apply a diluted acrylic varnish without the gel running.]







**Big Mike's Bar & Steakhouse** (owned and operated by **Big Mike's Bar Inc.**) is located at 251 Main Street in Maxbass, North Dakota 58760 U.S.A. (Phnoe: 701-268-3355). The place is named for the owner 'Big Mike' or **Michael Hassan** (who is pictured to the right).

Although Big Mike's doesn't have a website, it has been on Facebook since February 2010. Hours of operation are Tuesday to Saturday 4 to 11 p.m. They specialize in dinner drinks. They accept reservations or walk-in and are suitable for families with kids as well as groups too. Ironically, they only accept cash despite this being 2013, and the town is so small, there is no public transit. The food has received good reviews "especially for small town fare".



*Some Unusual Wooden Toys* [www.citizenkid.ca](http://www.citizenkid.ca)



This is a fun vintage wood pin or brooch of a horseshoe with 'Knock on Wood' written on the front. The pin measures approximately 1-3/4 inches tall and about 1-3/8 inches wide. There is wear on the paint or varnish on the front. The pin mechanism is simple and works well. There is a piece missing from the reverse and some patina on the pin mechanism.

This was stored away in Washington State, with other jewelry that is from the 1930s - 1950s so this is probably from that era.



*Lucky Horseshoe Wood Brooch*



## *The Woods of "The Coin Shop" in Toronto* by John Regitko, CAWMC Life Member

The owner of **The Coin Shop**, **Ed Solsky**, owned a number of buildings in a block on the south side just west of University Avenue, worth millions even 30 years ago. He rented out the main floor to various businesses, while the second and third stories were rented out to families. Although he was the lone shareholder in **The Coin Shop**, registered as a limited company as most people do, he also leased out one of the buildings to **The Coin Shop**. Therefore, he owned both the building as landlord and **The Coin Shop** as the tenant. This legal maneuver was to prove beneficial to him later.

**Solsky** purchased a lot of gold and silver from a smelter on the expectations that the price of precious metals would keep going up and up and up. Initially, he always paid the invoices on time, thereby raising his credit limit considerably over time. However, with a down-swing in precious metals pricing, he was unable to pay for newer shipments. The refinery sued **The Coin Shop**, who were forced into bankruptcy. Although **The Coin Shop** had virtually no assets and could not pay most of the judgment, **Solsky's** other assets were protected by virtue of Canadian laws that decrees that people are only investors in "limited" companies and their financial exposure is generally limited to the amount of their investment.

This placed **The Coin Shop**, owned by **Ed Solsky**, in the position of owning rent to **Ed Solsky**, who owned the building and was the cause of bad investment decisions.

When a Trustee in Receivership was brought in by the court to supervise the disposition of **The Coin Shop's** assets, the trustee actually had to pay rent from the remaining funds of the bankrupt company to the company set up to control the assets of the building, although both were owned by **Solsky**. What that means is that while the refinery was trying to collect money owing them, a few months rent actually went to the very person that purchased metals on credit from the refinery.

I purchased quite a bit of the assets of **The Coin Shop** from the trustee. This included all the All-State display cases that were used in the store, stock stamp albums, cases of shredded money in jars and British Empire coin catalogues written by the late **Jerry Remick**. But the best acquisition that is of interest to CAWMC members is the remaining woods issued by **The Coin Shop**.

The late **Al Bliman** has to be given full credit for having **The Coin Shop** issue woods over the years. Although most of the wooden tokens promoted **The Coin Shop**, others were issued to promote **The Toronto International Coin Fair** (TICF) when **Charles** and **Leslie Moore** were the owners (before I purchased the show).

As an aside, the representative of the trustee in bankruptcy overseeing the sale of the remaining assets of **The Coin Shop** advised me that they might not be able to sell me most of the All-State cases since they were part of the building structure, having been mounted on the walls. Because I had been through this very situation when I acquired the assets of another company a few years earlier, I advised him that the difference is in whether the cases were nailed onto the walls or screwed in. If they were nailed in, they were deemed by law to be part of the building because the intention, it appeared, was to have them there permanently. However, if they were screwed in, it was assumed that the owners intended for them to be removed sometime in the future and, therefore, were not part of the building structure.

Since they were screwed in, I purchased them, along with the inventory of new cases that they had acquired as the Canadian distributor for All-State. These cases, along with other assets, were eventually purchased from me by **Trajan Publishing** (publishers of **Canadian Coin News** and **Canadian Stamp News** and, at the time, other antique and collectible publications). I also authorized **Trajan** to use the name of the show, as well as the initials "TICF." They ran a few shows under the name of "**The International Coin Fair**" so as to keep "TICF" as the abbreviated name when they relocated in St. Catharine's. They eventually resold the assets to **Ted Bailey** of Paris, Ontario, who continued to use the TICF moniker.

The first issue of woods promotes both **The Coin Shop's** location as well as the **Toronto International Coin Fair** scheduled for March 20-22, 1981, while their second wood promotes the November 1981 show, both run by **Leslie** and **Charles Moore**.

The following year saw another wood issued, again promoting the store and the April 1982 TICF, while the three subsequent years saw "\$1.00 woods" issued to draw people into their store.

The final series of woods issued by The Coin Shop that I acquired was a set of 4 bearing different denominations. The \$1 off piece was good on a purchase of \$10, while the other three denominations entitled you to what amounted to a 5 percent discount on your purchases. They were issued in 1985.



Another series of promotional woods was issued in five different denominations. I acquired at least 500 of the \$1 wood and smaller amounts of the other denominations.





## Pizza Station Woods (Skagway, Alaska) - an Update! from CAWMC member David 'Rusty' Phillips

As noted briefly (see page 69, September 2012, Edition ATC&PN), in my Travelogue of Wood Nickel Hunting in Alaska, during my visit of May 26–June 11th, 2012, the Pizza Station Restaurant & Bar & Morning Wood Hotel in Skagway had “three new woods on order”. I had ‘reserved’ one of each of the 3 different woods for delivery to me when the order came in. Sure enough, recently I received all three new issues as promised (thanks to the restaurant manager **Beth**). Again, all 3 are roughly the same design, on the reverse, but different on the obverse and again, each a different color ink. Each color is good for a different category of drink, e.g. Dark Green = Beer; Red = a Call Drink; and Black = a Premium Drink. I showed the original woods below (right) which were reported upon on page 41 of the May 2008 edition, ATC&PN, for comparison sake. A case of “the old generation gone, and new generation replacing it...”.



[Editor's Note: Traveling to Skagway, Alaska is an adventure in itself. Located between two wondrous mountains and at the very end of the Lynn Canal, Skagway has a long and arduous past checkered with adventurers, travelers, con-men, entrepreneurs and dreamers. Skagway has always drawn people to her shores from around the world, and you are no exception!]



Skagway's Pizza Station and 4th Street Hotel are located right downtown about a half mile from the airport and ferry terminal. They have everything the tired and hungry traveler needs under one roof. After a long day of seeing the sites, taking a float trip down the Taiya River, or hiking the many trails in Skagway and Dyea, come on in and take a nap in your private room, then join folks in the dining room for a hearty dinner and then finish off your night in our comfortable bar.]







**HUNTER CHRISTMAS TREES LLC** (Mt. Lehman, B.C.) proudly grows and ships fresh, premium quality plantation grown Christmas trees nationwide. Hunter Christmas Trees LLC is a family owned and operated wholesale Christmas tree farm. A lot has changed since we started in 1948. Chain saws have replaced axes and helicopters do much of the heavy lifting to move Christmas trees quickly and easily to loading and staging areas. This helps assure their trees are the freshest available. But what hasn't changed over the years are our old fashioned values of providing good service and the dedication at Hunters to growing and shipping premium trees. This family-owned and operated farm trees are cut fresh to order, and they have mixed species and multiple drop loading available. They are a grower of five distinctive varieties, with tree sizes from table-tops to fifteen feet. Hunters supplies retailers, nurseries, civic groups, schools and churches.

Today Hunters trees are growing on more than 300 prime cultivated acres nestled in the foot hills of the Olympic peninsula and the Cascade mountain range. They grow the finest trees in the Pacific Northwest, **Noble fir**, **Plantation Douglas fir**, **Grand fir**, **Frasier fir** and **Nordmann fir**. This enables them to easily custom load the mix that independent retailers and nurseries desire.

Their farms in Mossyrock Washington provide them with the perfect growing conditions to produce superior quality Noble fir and Fraser fir. This combination of fertile soil, rain fall and elevation makes Mossyrock ideal for growing high quality Christmas trees.



**David Hunter Garden Centers** was founded in the fall of 1953 with our first store at Kingsway and Rupert. It was originally called "The Kingsway Garden Shop". **David** took over the operation of "The Broadway Garden Shop" from **Lloyd Smith** at 2084 West Broadway in the spring of 1960. **Duncan Roberts** was hired to be the manager of the store. The store was completely re-modeled including a new covered sales area. With two garden centers the name was changed to **David Hunter Garden Shops**. At the time **David** had a radio and TV show teaching gardening techniques. During this time **David Hunter** also had a landscaping and maintenance division which grew to become one of the largest in the industry operating approximately 20 trucks. **David Hunter** began to work with the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) as members. **David** and his son **Ron** have both served as BC Governors of the AAN. During this time the company changed its name to **David Hunter**

**Landscape Nurseries**. **David Hunter** continued to expand the business with stores in Port Coquitlam (at Lougheed Highway and Coast Meridian Road) and in Surrey (at 152nd street and 72nd avenue). This is also when they incorporated the flower shops into the garden centers. Due to some changes in the business the landscape business closed and they changed the name again to **David Hunter Garden Centers**. Both **David** and **Margaret** have been awarded the Pacific Coast Nurseryman Magazine "Outstanding Service Award". In 1982 **David** was only the second person to receive this award. In 2006 **Margaret** became the first woman to receive this award.



**Dave** and **Margaret**, retired to the Sunshine Coast in 1978. They have traveled extensively throughout the USA and Mexico. They also traveled to Great Britain, Europe, the Orient, and the Caribbean. **Margaret** passed away in the fall of 2008, but **David** lives near the Surrey location and still comes by periodically to make sure that the company team is staying true to his vision.

**David Hunter** operated the store on Kingsway until 1978. The store in Port Coquitlam operated until the summer of 1995. The store on West Broadway closed in December of 2009 after 49 years.

Now in our third generation with **David's** grandson **Miles** taking over the business from his father, **Ron**. **David Hunter** currently has only one store at 152nd street and 72nd avenue in Surrey. 2010 year marks our 56th year of service to the gardening community in Greater Vancouver.

**Hunters** are honoured that the Kitsilano Chamber of Commerce recognized our Broadway store as the "Business of the Year" for 2005. In 2009 The Vancouver Courier readers voted our Broadway store as their Favorite Garden center in the "Stars of Vancouver" contest. They would like to thank all of our customers for their support.

2013 marks their 60th year in business. They celebrated their 59th Anniversary with a Sale in early October. If you missed their sale last year be sure to keep it in mind for this year.





1980 Canada Sylvan Dollar wooden nickel. Good for 1 Dollar off your 1981 Christmas tree. Hunter's Evergreen Trees Mt. Lehman, BC



Hunters are pleased to announce that they have found a new center location on West Broadway for a garden center! It has been just over two years since our store at 2084 West Broadway (Vancouver, B.C.) closed. The new store will be located at 2560 West Broadway (V6K 2G1) between Larch and Trafalgar (next to the White Spot Restaurant). The new store is located on only five short block away from our old location, and there is parking on the East side and to the South of the building. We have been looking for a new location for the past two years and are really excited to be back on Broadway to serve the Kitsilano neighbourhood. Phone: 604-733-1534, summer hours June 18 to September, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and holidays 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The 15175 – 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3S 2G3 (Phone: 604-590-2431) has the same hours as the Vancouver store. Some of the Surrey staff is pictured here.

If you live in B.C., there are several ways that you can recycle your Christmas tree each year. Here are some alternatives. For more alternatives call the BC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253. Mount Lehman or Mt. Lehman (49°07'00"N, 122°23'00"W) is a small rural community located in the Fraser Valley of southwestern British Columbia, Canada. The community was established in 1864 but was incorporated into the present day city of Abbotsford, British Columbia in 1995. Mount Lehman is situated on an area of upraised

land (hence, where the "Mount" comes into the name), that lies between the flat plains of Matsqui Prairie to the east and Glenn Valley to the west. The original historic community can be roughly bounded by the Fraser River in the north, Harris Road in the South, Bradner Road in the West, and Matsqui Prairie in the east. The "Lehman" part of the name originates from two cousins who were early settlers. In 1875, **Samuel** and **Isaac Lehman**, pre-empted many acres of land in the area. In 1864, the area consisted of a heavily wooded plateau of massive cedar and fir trees, sandwiched between two fertile plains just south of the Fraser River. This hardly seemed a likely place for a burgeoning farming community. However, in that same year, **Royal Engineer Alben Hawkins** arrived to survey the area and took up residence on the bluff above the southern bank of the Fraser River. He became the first white man to settle on the upraised land that separated Glen Valley and the Matsqui municipality. Some years later, cousins **Sam** and **Isaac Lehman** arrived on the banks of the Fraser River near the same spot to try their own fortunes. **Sam's** wife **Katherine** joined him and they had six children in the small community that would eventually bear the family name. A wharf was soon built on the Fraser River at the spot at foot of the bluff and this became known as Lehman's Landing. The landing became an important riverboat stop east of Fort Langley. At the time it was the only entry point into the Matsqui area and was served by paddle-wheel steam boats that traveled up and down the Fraser River between Yale and New Westminster. **Lehman** and other settlers took on the huge task of logging the area, clearing the dense coastal underbrush and building a network of trails. One of those trails, leading from the wharf to the farming settlement, was called Landing Road. Landing Road was open for vehicular traffic until 1950, and while some of the road remains, the last few hundred metres of the route to the river landing is now just a walking trail. Pilings in the river still remain to mark where the wharf once stood. Mount Lehman was an attractive location for newcomers, as it was safe from the Fraser's summer floods and plagues of mosquitoes. Once cleared, the forest floor yielded rich farming and pasture lands. People came to settle and by 1883, Thomson's General Store and Mt. Lehman Post Office operated at Lehman's Landing. The first one-room school was also built in 1884 near the site of the current school. It was replaced by a two-room building sometime between 1909 and 1912, and is the oldest continuously operating school in the Abbotsford School District. The Mount Lehman United Church was established in 1894, and the community hall was built in 1904. The school, hall and church have all operated continuously since they were created. Until 1910, logging still provided the livelihoods for most of the settlers to the area. Then in 1910 a nearby stop on the new British Columbia Electric Railway changed how the community grew. The railway linked Chilliwack to Vancouver through Mt. Lehman. Eventually, the store was moved from the landing to the school, and then to the site of the railway crossing, along with the post office. Soon a hardware store and service station were added at this same location. Around this time many Mt. Lehman pioneers began to raise vegetables and dairy products. With the arrival of the rail, valley communities became less dependent on the Fraser's paddle-wheelers to take their milk and produce to market in New Westminster. From 1910-1952 the BC Electric Railway provided passenger trains and freight service twice daily and an extra market train came through on Fridays. They also had a milk train every morning to carry dairy products. By the 1930s Mt. Lehman was thriving and consisted of a hardware store, a feed co-operative, a bank, 2 general stores, a post office, a shoe maker shop, a butcher shop, a library, and a train station. Today Mount Lehman is known as a peaceful rural community, with a mix of busy farms, small acreages and estate homes. This vibrant community retains its charm, and is an important living link to the region's history. Typical economic activities found



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in the area include the raising of chickens, llamas, and to a lesser extent, cattle. Horse raising and boarding stables are also prevalent. There are blueberry and raspberry farms, as well as orchards and tree farms. There are several major greenhouses that grow crops such as cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers. The opening of several bed and breakfasts has also made the area a new draw for tourists looking to experience a taste of rural living.

Although there are no major supermarkets, gas stations, or corner stores in the immediate area, these are all within a 10 minutes drive. The growth of nearby Abbotsford overshadowed the importance of some of the previously mentioned amenities, and many of these eventually closed down. However, Mount Lehman does offer its own small list of basic amenities. There is a one room branch of the Fraser Valley Regional Library, the post office is still in operation, there is a fire hall, credit union, insurance shop and a small auto repair shop. Although the train station closed to passenger traffic in 1952, today, activists are looking at the B.C. Electric Rail line as a resurrected public transit option. In addition, the United Church and Mount Lehman hall and school are still in operation, and there is an outlet of the Army and Navy that provides a social meeting spot for mostly locals on Friday evenings. The **Taylor** home, built by the pioneering family of the same name, is the oldest heritage home in Mount Lehman and still stands on Taylor Road. The Mount Lehman cemetery, also on Taylor Road, is one of the oldest cemeteries in the city of Abbotsford and is still in use today. Each year there are various community events such as the Canada Day parade and Mount Lehman Community Fair. As well the Mt. Lehman Hall hosts various other events and can be rented out for weddings and other functions. Although there is a historic walking trail at the end of Landing Road leading to the old Lehman's Landing, sections of this trail were recently washed away or buried under landslides. The city of Abbotsford has deemed the area unstable and therefore unsafe for use. A sign has been posted at the start of the trail informing would be users that the trail is closed and urges them to keep out. Some of British Columbia's greatest treasures are hidden in the most unassuming places. On Highway 3, just west of the tiny community of Bridesville, a 60-acre stand of forest hides some of B.C.'s largest Western Larch trees and several naturally flowing springs. Saved from logging by a fortuitous mill strike, these 600-year-old trees remain standing in large part due to the vision and foresight of **Dale Lehman**. **Dale** was a second generation rancher in the Bridesville area. His father purchased 2,200 acres in the 1940s and the family ranched in the area for more than 60 years. When Dale and his wife Anita retired in 2001, they wanted to be sure that their forest would be protected in perpetuity. They donated their property, now known as Lehman Springs Conservation Area, to TLC in 2003. Fire is always a threat for old forests. Since acquiring the property, TLC has been working to keep the forest as healthy as possible.

They hope that in 100 years, **Dale's** future relatives can visit the 700-year-old trees their family helped to protect. For more information about TLC's work, give them a call at 1-877-485-2422 or visit



### **Member Found - Just Moved!**

by Norm Belsten

Talked to **Al Schubert** and he informed me that **Rich** has just moved to Arizona, here is his new address but we don't have a phone number yet, nor e-mail.

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